

Minutes  
(Draft)  
Mineral Extraction Advisory Committee  
April 14, 2004  
Waukesha County Administration Center, Room 155/159

Those in attendance included the following:

Committee members: Vytautas Janusonis  
Jim Dawson  
Norm Hanson  
Dave Swan  
Joe Soltis

County Staff: Jim Rose  
Mark Jenks

Guests: Ed Reesman  
Brian Endres  
Sean Wolf  
Devin Wolf

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 AM by Chairperson Janusonis. Introductions were made around the table and by those guests present. Dave Swan had a question about the posting of the meeting agendas and how they are distributed. Mark Jenks responded that meeting agendas are sent out electronically to all who have an email address and by hard copy to those who do not. They are also sent to the County Clerk for posting. Next, minutes from the January 14, 2004 meeting were reviewed. Joe Soltis motioned to approve the minutes, Dave Swan seconded. Motioned passed unanimously.

Updates from MEAC members

Next Chairperson Janusonis asked committee members present if they had any issues they would like brought to the attention of the committee. Dave Swan indicated that he thought there is an ongoing blasting issue in and around Sussex. The question was raised: Should MEAC take a position on the issue? This led to a larger discussion about the role of MEAC, the reason for its formation, and how the committee can fulfill its purpose. There was felt to be a need to raise the visibility of the group by sending information out to the towns and municipalities around the county.

It was the general consensus of the group that the best way to raise the visibility of MEAC was to update the original MEAC brochure and distribute it to all the communities in the county that have mining operations within their borders. It was also suggested

that the distribution list should be expanded to include nonmetallic mine operators. Suggested improvements to the original brochure included adding the mission statement of the group and updating the suggested resolution process. It was decided that county staff would make an initial update of the brochure, updating items such as phone numbers and other minor corrections. This brochure would then be distributed to committee members for review and comment and additional changes could be made to the brochure at that point.

#### Future Meeting Topics

The group then began to consider potential topics for future meeting dates. In order for MEAC to fulfill its potential it was felt that providing opportunities for educational presentations as part of regular agendas would be useful. Ed Reesman offered to contact the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey office in Madison. Bruce Brown from the WGNHS has made presentations to the Waukesha County Aggregate Producers Group and it was felt that MEAC would benefit from his presentation as well.

County staff were asked to provide at a future meeting an update of the Smart Growth Planning process. Staff will contact Dale Shaver for an update.

It was also discussed that it would be beneficial to have a Legislative update as part of regular meeting agendas. Topics to be covered would be any that potentially have an impact on the nonmetallic mining industry in general. Examples could include air quality and bonding for nonmetallic mine reclamation. County staff will contact Dave Krahn of the County Board office to see if there would be a way to obtain information that he presently prepares for the County Board.

The final topic discussed was the planned update to the MEAC brochure. A rough draft will be prepared and distributed to committee members prior to the next meeting. Committee members can then come prepared to make suggestions for improvement.

#### Set Next Meeting Date

The next MEAC meeting will be July 14, 2004.